

**Marine Engineering Training Institute
in Cochin**

3821. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for
starting a Marine Engineering Training
Institute in Cochin; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Battleships Of Indian Navy

3822. SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state :

(a) the year in which the last major
battleship joined the Indian Navy and its
name;

(b) the year in which the next major
vessel is expected to be ready for the Navy;

(c) the number of existing frigates likely
to be withdrawn from active service by the
turn of the century;

(d) the details of proposed replacements
of battleships/frigates from shipyards in the
country and the time schedule in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose
to acquire ships from foreign shipyards to
meet the shortages;

(f) if so, the details thereof ; and

(g) if not, the alternatives likely to be
adopted ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI
SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Frigate, INS
Gomati, in 1988.

(b) In 1995-96, other things being equal.

(c) to (g). The force levels of the Indian
Navy are being developed in accordance
with a Long Term Perspective Plan and the
5 year Naval Plans, which take into account
the geopolitical environment in the region
and the proposed role of the Indian Navy
therein as well as the availability of funds.
The force level requirements of the Indian
Navy are met through both acquisitions from
abroad and indigenous construction. Further
details cannot be disclosed in the interest of
national security.

[Translation]

Schemes for Welfare of Weavers

3823. SHRI MUMTAJ ANSARI: Will the
Minister of TEXTILES state;

(a) whether the Government have
launched any new schemes for the welfare
of weavers particularly in Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
number of weavers likely to be benefitted
there -from ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK
GEHLOT): (a) and (b) During the current
year two new schemes for the welfare of
weavers have been notified viz. scheme for
Integrated Handloom village development
and scheme for Marin Money for Destitute
weavers. Releases to state governments
including the state of Bihar would be on the